

April 13th 1945

Col. Gourdin
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New York City

Dear Sir:

The Negro National Baseball League, opens the season 1945, in Ruppert Stadium Sunday May 16. Two years ago we were honored with the presence of the entire outfit, which was then stationed at Ft. Dix

I am writing to extend to you again an invitation to be with us. This year takes on added significance in view of world conditions, and I feel the presence of our boys may inspire the fans who are present to give more to their effort.

Your splendid band is especially inspiring, and I do hope they will be able to come.

We are late sending this invitation, in fact getting started this year, but things have been a little until uncertain. As conditions shape up now we are planning to continue baseball as long as it is possible.

I understand some of the 372 is at Ft. Dix, and the invitation is of course extended to them also. I will appreciate an early reply, as there is a great deal of preparing to do. Looking forward to having the outfit with us.

Very Truly Yours